

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN DIVISION**

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI  
SYNOD, a Missouri nonprofit corporation  
Plaintiff,**

**V.**

**DONALD CHRISTIAN, CHRISTOPHER  
BANNWOLF, CONCORDIA  
UNIVERSITY TEXAS, INC., & JOHN  
DOES 1-12**  
*Defendants*

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**Case No. 1:23-cv-1042-DAE**

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY TEXAS,**  
***Plaintiff,***

**v.**

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI  
SYNOD, an unincorporated association of  
Lutheran congregations, and THE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD, a Missouri  
Corporation,  
*Defendants***

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**Case No. 1:24-cv-176-RP**

### ADVISORY TO THE COURT

Defendant The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, a Missouri nonprofit corporation (“LCMS”), provides the following Advisory to the Court.

1. Pursuant to the Court’s Agreed Scheduling Order (Doc. 21 in Case No. 1:23-cv-1042; Doc. 9 in Case No. 1:24-cv-176), the deadline for the parties to amend or supplement pleadings or to join additional parties is September 27, 2024 (the “Pleading Deadline”).

2. The Order also provides that the parties may modify the deadlines in the Order by agreement, with the exception of the dispositive motion deadline and the trial date. The parties previously agreed to extend the Pleading Deadline to December 2, 2024.

3. On November 20, 2024, the Magistrate Judge issued his Report and Recommendations as to both of the above referenced cases (Doc. 52 in Case No. 1:23-cv-1042; Doc. 29 in Case No. 1:24-cv-176) (the “Recommendation”). The Recommendation, if approved by the Court, will impact the Pleading Deadline. Accordingly, the parties have agreed to extend the Pleading Deadline until two weeks after the district court issues an order relating to the Magistrate Judge’s Recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE**

I hereby certify before filing the foregoing Advisory, I conferred with Clark Richards, counsel for Defendants, who confirmed that he agrees to extend the December 2, 2024 Pleading Deadline to two weeks after the district court issues an order relating to the Magistrate Judge's Recommendation.

/s/ Steven C. Levatino  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Advisory has been filed through the CM/ECF system on November 21, 2024. I understand the CM/ECF system will send a Notice of Electronic Filing to the following counsel of record:

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